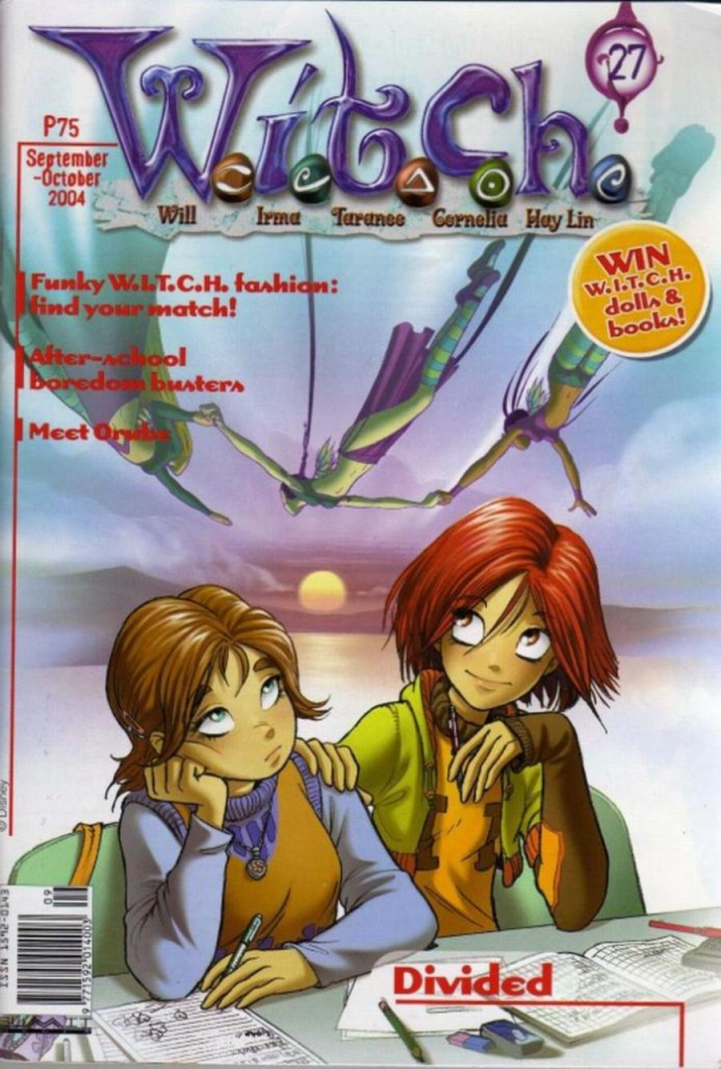
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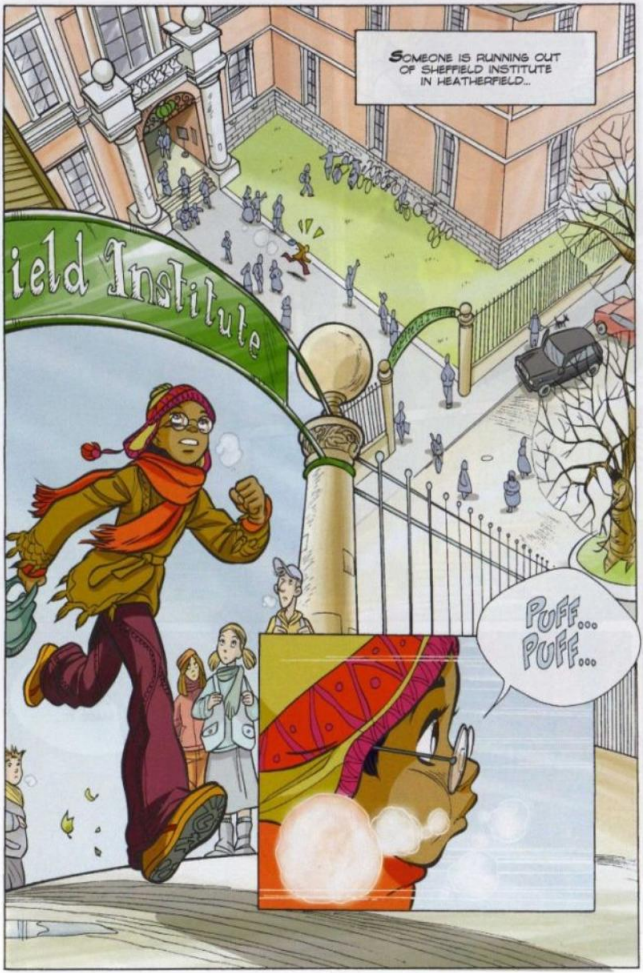
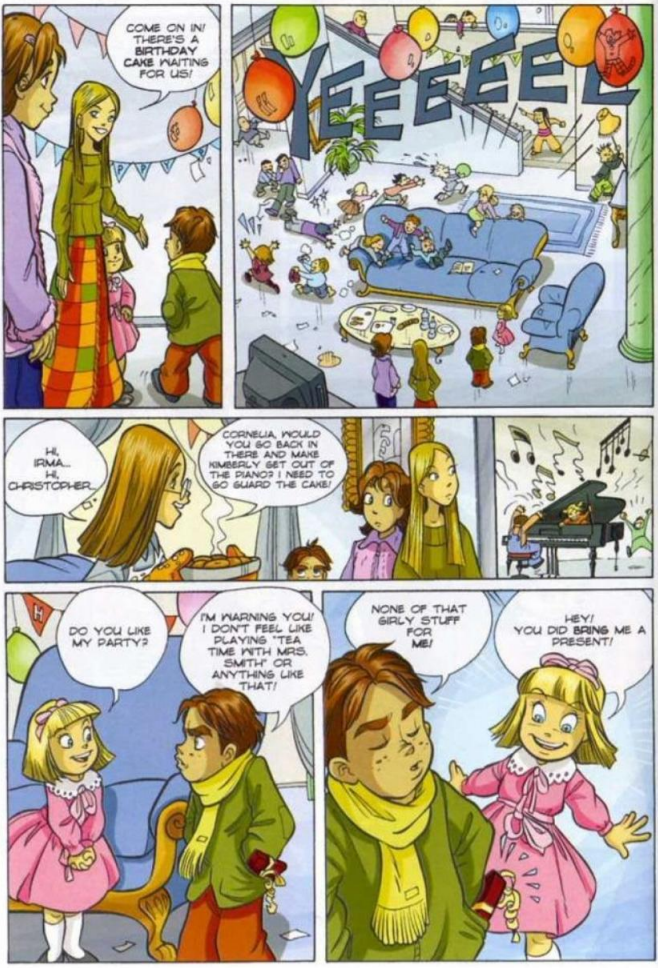

SOMEONE IS RUNNING OUT OF SHEFFIELD INSTITUTE IN HEATHERFIELD...
ield Institute
PUFF... PUFF...

HEY, YOUNG LADY! WATCH WHERE YOU'RE GOING!
SORRY!
THUMP
BEEEP
OOPS!
SKREE
PUFF... PANT... I MADE IT...
SLAM

TARANEE! WHAT HAPPENED?
PUFF...
I MADE IT...
ARE YOU READY?
I MADE IT IN!
I'M GOING TO REDSTONE!
YES! YES! YESSS!
HA! HA! HA! NICE WORK, SWEETIE!
GET DOWN FROM THERE! DO YOU WANT TO FALL AND BREAK YOUR NECK?
REDSTONE, A SURFER'S PARADISE!
CHOICE WAVES! YOU'LL SEE!
PETER, DON'T YOU START, TOO!

IF I GIVE YOU THE MONEY, WILL YOU GET ME A SURFBOARD? THE ONES THEY MAKE DOWN THERE ARE SPECIAL!
FORGET IT!
HER PASSPORT... HER MEDICINE... I'LL NEED TO GET HER SUITCASE DOWN FROM THE ATTIC...
NOW SIT DOWN AND EAT SOME-THING! WE'LL PLAN THINGS OUT AFTER LUNCH!
...I'M GOING TO MY ROOM!
MY LITTLE GIRL! I KNEW SHE COULD DO IT!
I'M NOT HUNGRY, AND I'VE GOT A LITTLE HEADACHE...
I'M WORRIED ABOUT TARANIS! SHE'S BEEN HAVING CONSTANT HEADACHES LATELY! NOW THAT SHE HAS TO LEAVE TOWN...
SHE'LL BE FINE, BELIEVE ME! AND THEN, SHE KNOWS HOW TO TAKE CARE OF HERSELF!
REDSTONE IS SO FAR AWAY, AND IF SOMETHING HAPPENED TO HER I'D...

LATER THAT AFTERNOON...
BLIN BLOO
THIS IS GIRLS' STUFF!
ANOTHER WORD OUT OF YOU AND I'M TELLING MOM!
IRMA! CHRISTOPHER! I'M GLAD YOU COULD COME!
JENNY, DON'T RUN IN THE HALLWAY!
NO, GEORGE, YOU CAN'T GIVE JENNY THE SOCKS YOU'RE WEARING AS A GIFT!
DID YOU BRING ME A PRESENT?
LILIAN!
SAID LIKE A REAL GIRL!
CHRISTOPHER!
HAPPY BIRTHDAY, LILIAN!


COME ON IN! THERE'S A BIRTHDAY CAKE WAITING FOR US!
YEEEEEL
HI, IRMA... HI, CHRISTOPHER.
CORNELIA, WOULD YOU GO BACK IN THERE AND MAKE KIMBERLY GET OUT OF THE PIANO? I NEED TO GO GUARD THE CAKE!
DO YOU LIKE MY PARTY?
I'M WARNING YOU! I DON'T FEEL LIKE PLAYING "TEA TIME WITH MRS. SMITH" OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT!
NONE OF THAT GIRLY STUFF FOR ME!
HEY! YOU DID BRING ME A PRESENT!

COME ON, YOU LITTLE MONSTER!
NO, I WANT TO PLAY THE PIANO!
SBRANG
WOW!
CORNELIA! LOOK WHAT CHRISTOPHER GAVE ME!
IT'S FANTASTIC!
Handbook for LITTLE WITCHES
!
MOM BOUGHT IT! SHE SAYS THERE'S A LITTLE MAGIC IN EVERY LITTLE GIRL...
BUT I SAY GIRLS ARE JUST PLAIN DUMB...
HA! HA! HA!
YOU THINK THAT...?
NO, THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
LET'S GO TO MY ROOM! NO ONE WILL BOTHER US THERE...

FOR A MOMENT THERE, I THOUGHT THEY'D FOUND OUT ABOUT US!
NAAAH!
MY MOM'S JUST STUCK ON CERTAIN THINGS! THAT STUFF ABOUT LITTLE KIDS BEING MAGICAL AND ALL THAT...
I SEE YOU'RE ALREADY GETTING SET TO GO TO REDSTONE!
YEAH... REDSTONE! WE'LL ALL BE SEPARATED FOR A WHILE...
EVEN IF WILL'S STAYING HERE WITH ME, I WISH I COULD GO WITH YOU GUYS...

SHOP
YOU'VE ALREADY FINISHED YOUR BIRDSEED? WHAT HEFTY EATERS!
HEY, LITTLE FELLOW! YOU'RE SO CUTE! YOU LOOK A BIT LIKE MY DORMOUSE...
I REALLY MISS HIM, YOU KNOW!
WHAT AN AWFUL TIME! MY DORMOUSE IS GONE, MY FRIENDS ARE ABOUT TO LEAVE TOWN, AND I'LL BE LEFT BACK HERE ALL ALONE!
ER... COUGH... COUGH... DID YOU SAY SOMETHING, WILL?

SORRY...
YOU MUST THINK I'M OVERREACTING, HUH?
NOT AT ALL! I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL! NOW WIPE AWAY THOSE TEARS!
YOU MIGHT NOT BELIEVE IT NOW, BUT TIME IS THE BEST MEDICINE FOR THINGS LIKE THIS...
WHY DON'T YOU START TAKING CARE OF OUR FRIEND HERE?
OOOH! HE'S SO TINY! I DON'T KNOW IF I...
JUST KEEP SMILING! THAT'S THE BEST WAY TO DEAL WITH DIFFICULT SITUATIONS!
DLING
HI, WILL!

"A WISH IN MY HEART AND A WAND IN MY HAND..."
"EVERYTHING CHANGES UPON MY COMMAND..."
"THAT'S THE BEGINNING, AND THIS IS MY DOLLY! NOW SHE'LL CHANGE SHAPE AS MY GRAND FINALE!"
W-WELL?
HMM... I DON'T GET IT! THAT'S WHAT IT SAYS I HAVE TO DO!
BUT IT ALSO SAYS THESE THINGS DON'T ALWAYS WORK THE FIRST TIME!
WHATEVER... SO CAN I PUT YOUR DOLL DOWN, NOW?

IT'S YOUR FAULT! YOU WEREN'T STANDING STILL! LET'S TRY AGAIN!
RATS...
"A WISH IN MY HEART AND A WAND IN MY HAND... EVERYTHING CHANGES UPON MY COMMAND..."
"THAT'S THE BEGINNING, AND THIS IS MY DOLLY..."
I'M GOING TO TELL MY MOMMY YOU PULLED MY HAIR! I'LL TELL MY MOMMY AND IRMA, TOO!
GULP!
DLIN DLON
IT WORKED! SEE? IT WORKED!
OH, PLEASE! THAT WASN'T A SPELL! IT WAS JUST THE DOORBELL!

HELLO, MRS. HALE!
COME IN, GIRLS! CORNELIA'S UP IN HER ROOM WITH IRMA!
GIVE ME BACK MY MAGIC WAND!
THIS MAGIC WAND IS JUNK AND ULIAN'S A SKUNK!
KIDS! STOP IT RIGHT NOW!
BUT MOMMEEEEEE!
YOU GO IN THERE WITH THE OTHERS! I DON'T WANT TO HEAR ANOTHER PEEP OUT OF YOU!
AREN'T LITTLE KIDS SWEET?
SURE! SWEET AS RHUBARB...

TAKE A LOOK AT THIS DAZZLING DISPLAY MADE BY CORNELIA, THE VAINEST GIRL IN THE WORLD!
HMM...
WOW! I DIDN'T KNOW WARDROBES COULD EXPLODE LIKE THIS!
GOOD ONE, GOLDIE TEETH! HAVING A SARCASM ATTACK?
SO, WHAT, LIKE YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN CRACK BAD JOKES?
YAP! I CAN'T BELIEVE IT...
LOOK WHAT I FOUND!
THAT'S THE WIG TO MY SHEPHERDESS COSTUME!
SHEPHERDESS? GET MANY FLOCKS AROUND HERE?

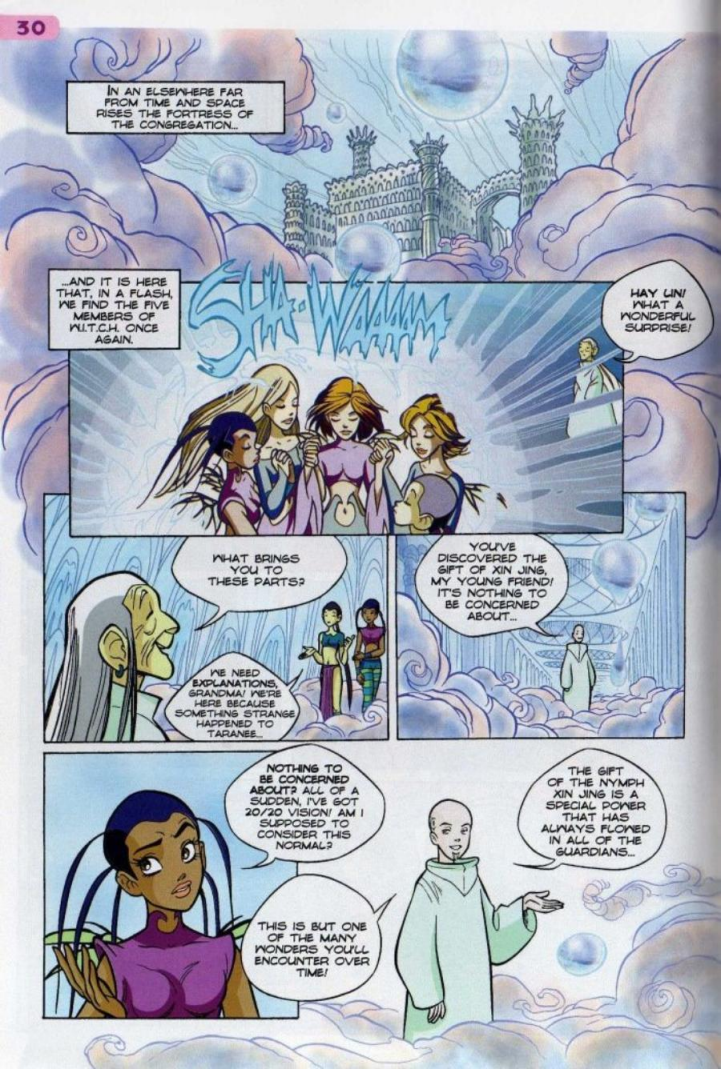
TA-DAAAH!
WHAT A BEAUTY! WITH THE RIGHT PERFUME, YOU'LL BE IRRESISTIBLE!
IF CALEB HAD SEEN YOU IN THIS, MAYBE HE WOULDN'T HAVE CHANGED HIS MIND!
EAU DE BEAUTÉ
URGH!
HAY LIN!
I'M SORRY, CORNELIA... I DIDN'T MEAN TO...
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT...
FALLING IN LOVE IS SUCH A PAIN! LOOK AT ME! I DON'T LIKE ANYBODY AND I'M DOING JUST FINE!
YEAH.. AND WHY IS IT YOU DON'T LIKE ANYBODY?
YOU WOULDN'T BE SCARED, WOULD YOU?
SCARED? ME? OF WHAT?

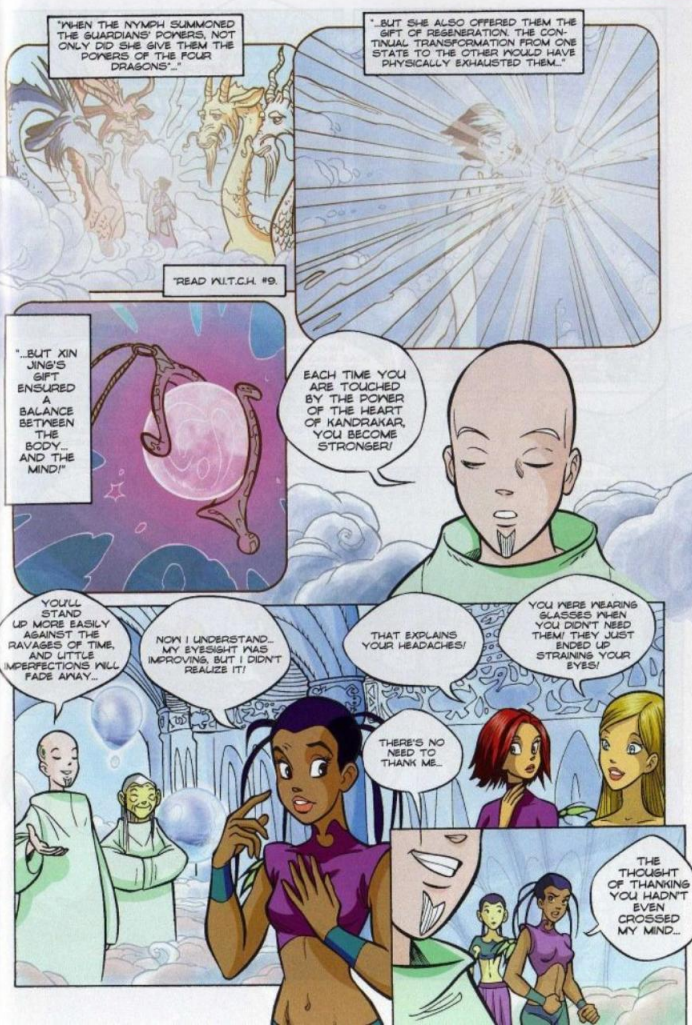
LET'S TALK ABOUT YOU GUYS, INSTEAD! YOU'RE LEAVING WILL AND ME...
...AND NIGEL!
LET'S HOPE ERIC CALLS ME EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE...
NAPOLEON! GET BACK HERE!
FFFFT!
SLAM
OUT OF THIS ROOM, RIGHT NOW! WHY DOESN'T ANYONE IN THIS HOUSE UNDERSTAND THE WORD PRIVACY?
I DON'T CARE ABOUT YOUR DUMB SECRETS! I HAVE MORE IMPORTANT THINGS TO DO!
COULD YOU TWO KEEP YOUR VOICES DOWN A LITTLE, PLEASE? I'VE GOT A SPLITTING HEADACHE...
A HEADACHE? LEAVE IT TO ME! I CAN MAKE THAT DISAPPEAR IN A JIFFY!
SIGH!
PHOOEY! YOU NEVER LET ME PLAY WITH YOU!
WHY DON'T YOU JUST MAKE YOURSELF DISAPPEAR?
YOU SHOULDN'T TREAT HER LIKE THAT, CORNY!

DON'T WORRY, LILIAN! LET'S SEE IF THAT SPELL OF YOURS WORKS!
COME TO MY ROOM! WE'LL HAVE MORE PEACE AND QUIET THERE!
MAKE YOURSELF COMFORTABLE! TAKE OFF YOUR GLASSES AND CONCENTRATE! THEN I'LL SAY MY MAGIC SPELL!
SO... "WATER AND WOOL FIRST MAKE A NICE STEW! THEN BRING TO BOIL THIS MAGICAL BREW..."
"WHILE IN THE AIR ITS SCENT STILL LINGERS, CLOSE YOUR EYES AND CROSS YOUR FINGERS!"
"MAKE YOUR MAGIC WISH AND THEN, GO BACK TO THE START AND SAY IT AGAIN!"
HEY!
MEOW!

STUMP
NO, KITTY!
CRAK
JULIAN! LOOK AT WHAT NAPOLEON DID!
OOOH, I'M SORRY, TARANEE! I DIDN'T MEAN TO!
IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT, JULIAN! IT WAS SILLY OF ME TO PUT MY GLASSES THERE...
BUT YOU DIDN'T FINISH READING YOUR MAGIC SPELL! "WHEN YOU'VE DONE THIS TEN TIMES OVER..."
"...ADD A TOUCH OF MAGIC CLOVER! THREE TIMES MORE REPEAT THIS CHANT, THEN YOU'LL FIND YOUR WISH IS GRANTED!"

TARANEE! HOW DID YOU MANAGE TO READ THIS FROM SO FAR AWAY?
L
L
SEE THAT? I TOLD YOU! IT WORKED!
I'M A WITCH! I'M A WITCH!
I CAN SEE EVEN WITHOUT MY GLASSES ON!
IT'S... IT'S INCREDIBLE! I'VE ALWAYS BEEN NEAR-SIGHTED!
I REFUSE TO BELIEVE THAT UJIAN HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH THIS! WHAT HAPPENED?
DON'T LOOK AT ME! I'M AS BAFFLED AS YOU GUYS!
I'D SAY THE ORACLE HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH THIS! HOW ABOUT A TRIP TO KANDRAKAR?
JUST FOR A FEW MINUTES! NOBODY WILL NOTICE WE'RE GONE!

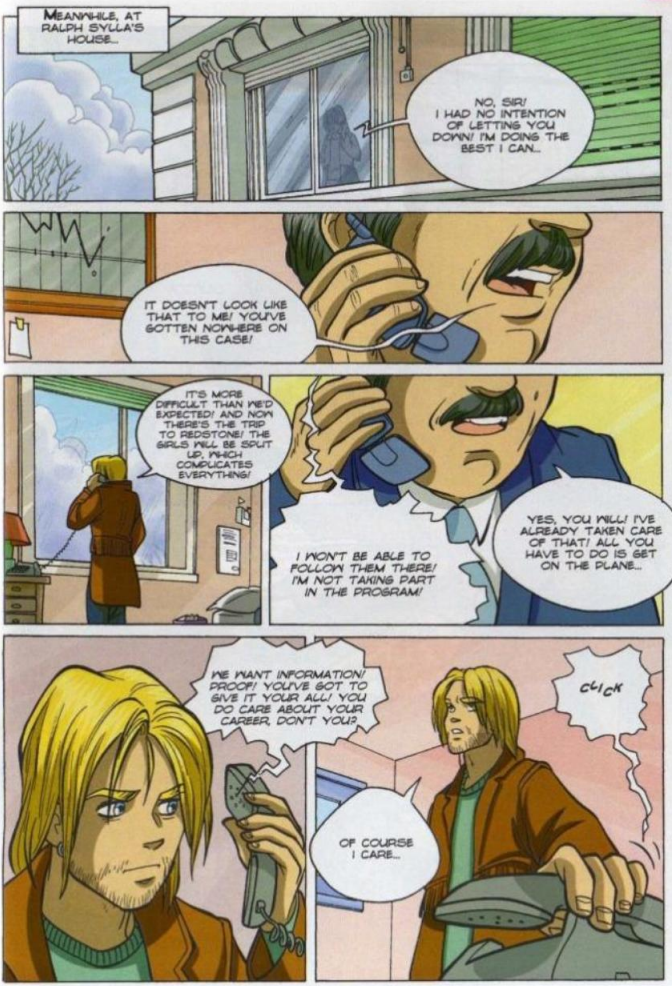

IN AN ELSEWHERE FAR FROM TIME AND SPACE RISES THE FORTRESS OF THE CONGREGATION...
...AND IT IS HERE THAT, IN A FLASH, WE FIND THE FIVE MEMBERS OF W.I.T.C.H. ONCE AGAIN.
Sha-Wallll
HAY LIN! WHAT A WONDERFUL SURPRISE!
WHAT BRINGS YOU TO THESE PARTS?
WE NEED EXPLANATIONS, GRANDMA! WE'RE HERE BECAUSE SOMETHING STRANGE HAPPENED TO TARANEE...
YOU'VE DISCOVERED THE GIFT OF XIN JING, MY YOUNG FRIEND! IT'S NOTHING TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT...
NOTHING TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT? ALL OF A SUDDEN, I'VE GOT 20/20 VISION! AM I SUPPOSED TO CONSIDER THIS NORMAL?
THIS IS BUT ONE OF THE MANY WONDERS YOU'LL ENCOUNTER OVER TIME!
THE GIFT OF THE NYMPH XIN JING IS A SPECIAL POWER THAT HAS ALWAYS FLOWED IN ALL OF THE GUARDIANS...


"WHEN THE NYMPH SUMMONED THE GUARDIANS' POWERS, NOT ONLY DID SHE GIVE THEM THE POWERS OF THE FOUR DRAGONS"...
"...BUT SHE ALSO OFFERED THEM THE GIFT OF REGENERATION. THE CONTINUAL TRANSFORMATION FROM ONE STATE TO THE OTHER WOULD HAVE PHYSICALLY EXHAUSTED THEM..."
"READ W.I.T.C.H. #9.
"...BUT XIN JING'S GIFT ENSURED A BALANCE BETWEEN THE BODY... AND THE MIND!"
EACH TIME YOU ARE TOUCHED BY THE POWER OF THE HEART OF KANDRAKAR, YOU BECOME STRONGER!
YOU'LL STAND UP MORE EASILY AGAINST THE RAVAGES OF TIME, AND LITTLE IMPERFECTIONS WILL FADE AWAY...
NOW I UNDERSTAND... MY EYESIGHT WAS IMPROVING, BUT I DIDN'T REALIZE IT!
THAT EXPLAINS YOUR HEADACHES!
YOU WERE WEARING GLASSES WHEN YOU DIDN'T NEED THEM! THEY JUST ENDED UP STRAINING YOUR EYES!
THERE'S NO NEED TO THANK ME...
THE THOUGHT OF THANKING YOU HADN'T EVEN CROSSED MY MIND...

HOW COULD YOU DO SOMETHING LIKE THIS? HOW COULD YOU JUST GO AND HIDE THIS FROM US, TOO?
COME ON, TARANEE! IT DOESN'T SEEM ALL THAT BAD TO ME!
ALL OF THIS IS CHANGING US SERIOUSLY, IRMA! IT'S MAKING US MORE DIFFERENT THAN WE'VE EVER BEEN BEFORE!
AN UNWELCOME GIFT CAN BE REFUSED!
AND THAT'S WHAT I'M DOING! I WANT TO GO BACK TO BEING LIKE I WAS BEFORE! WITH MY GLASSES AND MY NEAR-SIGHTEDNESS!
WITH THE GIFT OF XIN JING, THE HONORABLE YAN LIN SERVED KANDRAKAR FOR A VERY LONG TIME... LONGER THAN ANY COMMON MORTAL COULD HAVE DONE!
AREN'T YOU GUYS GOING TO SAY ANYTHING? ALL OF THIS IS OKAY WITH YOU?
I'D LIKE TO THINK IT OVER A BIT, TARANEE!
WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, SIR, MY LIFE ISN'T ALL ABOUT KANDRAKAR!
WHAT IS THERE TO THINK OVER? WHEN WILL WE BE FREE TO CHOOSE?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

EVER SINCE THIS WHOLE THING BEGAN, WE'VE ALWAYS DONE EXACTLY WHAT YOU WANTED!
WE WERE CALLED IN TO FIGHT OFF THE THREAT IN MERIDIAN, AND WE DID IT...
...AND THEN NERISSA CAME BACK AND WE DEFENDED OURSELVES FROM HER... BUT I'M GETTING MORE AND MORE CONVINCED THAT WE'RE JUST YOUR LITTLE PUPPETS!
AS I'VE EXPLAINED, YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS ARE A FORCE STRIVING TO ACHIEVE BALANCE IN ALL THINGS...
I'VE ALREADY HEARD THIS BEFORE! THERE'S NOTHING FOUL IN THE WORKINGS OF KANDRAKAR...
SIR, I DON'T KNOW WHAT MY FRIENDS THINK, BUT I'M OFFICIALLY FED UP!
TARANEE!
LET ME TALK! AS LONG AS THERE ARE SECRETS BEING KEPT FROM US, I'M NOT GOING TO LIFT A FINGER FOR ANYONE!
AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, FROM THIS MOMENT ON, I'M OUT OF THE GROUP! CONSIDER IT A LITTLE TIME TO REFLECT!

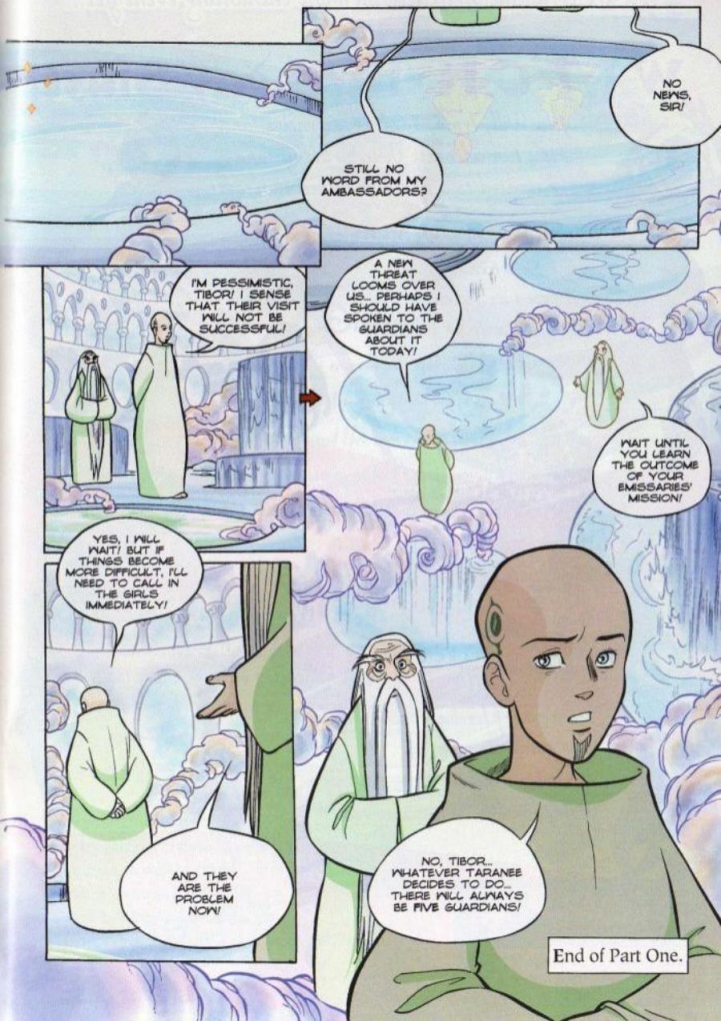
YOU'RE A VERY IMPORTANT PART OF THE GROUP, TARANEE! DON'T BE RASH! THINK CAREFULLY ABOUT WHAT YOU'RE DOING...
I'LL DO THAT! BUT RIGHT NOW, IF YOU DON'T MIND, SIR, ALL I WANT...
SHA-WAAA
...IS TO GO HOME!
JEEZ, TARANEE! YOU REALLY LET HIM HAVE IT THIS TIME! WERE YOU BEING SERIOUS?
YOU'LL MANAGE WITHOUT ME! AND DON'T LOOK AT ME LIKE THAT! IT'S NOT FOREVER!
I JUST WANT THE ORACLE TO STOP TREATING US LIKE LITTLE GIRLS! IT'S NOT THE FIRST TIME WE'VE ASKED HIM TO!
BUT TODAY YOU MADE THAT A LOT CLEARER THAN I DID BEFORE! THAT WAS BRAVE OF YOU!
THE GIFT OF XIN JING! ONE SURPRISE AFTER ANOTHER!
THEY GAVE US COSTUMES AND WINGS... SO WHY NOT AN INSTRUCTION BOOKLET?
YEAH... IT'S NOT EASY BEING PART OF W.I.T.C.H... AND I REALIZE THAT MORE EVERY DAY!


MEANWHILE, AT RALPH SYULA'S HOUSE...
NO, SIR! I HAD NO INTENTION OF LETTING YOU DOWN! I'M DOING THE BEST I CAN...
IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE THAT TO ME! YOU'VE GOTTEN NOWHERE ON THIS CASE!
IT'S MORE DIFFICULT THAN WE'D EXPECTED! AND NOW THERE'S THE TRIP TO REDSTONE! THE GIRLS WILL BE SPLIT UP, WHICH COMPLICATES EVERYTHING!
I WON'T BE ABLE TO FOLLOW THEM THERE! I'M NOT TAKING PART IN THE PROGRAM!
YES, YOU WILL! I'VE ALREADY TAKEN CARE OF THAT! ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS GET ON THE PLANE...
WE WANT INFORMATION! PROOF! YOU'VE GOT TO GIVE IT YOUR ALL! YOU DO CARE ABOUT YOUR CAREER, DON'T YOU?
CLICK
OF COURSE I CARE...

HEATHERDOME, THE LOCAL MALL...
YA-HOOO!
COMPUTER OUTLET
WATCH
SURF
OUTTA MY WAY!
HEY!
THUD
IT'S SHOW TIME, GUYS! THE SHERIFF'S HERE!
I'VE ALREADY TOLD YOU, KIDS! NO SKATEBOARDING IN THE MALL!
GOT IT! DO I WIN A PRIZE?
PLEASE, KIDS...

THAT TUB OF LARD STILL HASN'T FIGURED OUT HE CAN'T BOSS US AROUND!
RIGHT! NOBODY CAN TELL US WHAT TO DO!
IF ONLY IT WAS LIKE THAT AT SCHOOL...
BUT WE CAN HAVE SOME FUN FOR A LITTLE WHILE, ANYWAY!
PRINCIPAL KNICKERBOCHER'S LEAVING FOR REDSTONE, SO THE OLD GOAT WILL BE OUTTA OUR HAIR FOR A FEW WEEKS!
YEAH... REDSTONE! I WANTED TO GO THERE MYSELF... BUT MY PRESENCE WASN'T REQUESTED!
BUT WE'RE GOOD-HEARTED BOYS, AND WE WON'T HOLD A GRUDGE... WE'LL EVEN GIVE THEM A LITTLE FAREWELL GIFT!

HOW DID YOU MANAGE TO BREAK THEM?
IT JUST HAPPENED, MOM! BUT DON'T WORRY! I'VE STILL GOT MY EXTRA PAIR!
RIGHT! WELL, GET SOME SLEEP NOW! YOU CAN PACK YOUR BAGS TOMORROW!
GOOD NIGHT!
GOOD NIGHT, TARANEE!
AN EXTRA PAIR...
THAT'LL DO IT! PLAIN GLASS INSTEAD OF REAL LENSES! NOBODY WILL NOTICE!


NO NEWS, SIR!
STILL NO WORD FROM MY AMBASSADORS?
A NEW THREAT LOOMS OVER US... PERHAPS I SHOULD HAVE SPOKEN TO THE GUARDIANS ABOUT IT TODAY!
I'M PESSIMISTIC, TIBOR! I SENSE THAT THEIR VISIT WILL NOT BE SUCCESSFUL!
WAIT UNTIL YOU LEARN THE OUTCOME OF YOUR EMISSARIES' MISSION!
YES, I WILL WAIT! BUT IF THINGS BECOME MORE DIFFICULT, I'LL NEED TO CALL IN THE GIRLS IMMEDIATELY!
AND THEY ARE THE PROBLEM NOW!
NO, TIBOR... WHATEVER TARANEE DECIDES TO DO... THERE WILL ALWAYS BE FIVE GUARDIANS!
End of Part One.

AT SCHOOL, THE NEXT DAY...
ONE-PIECE OR BIKINI?
BIKINI! I WANT TO TAN EVERY INCH POSSIBLE!
JUST MAKE SURE YOU DON'T BURN!
SOMEONE SOUNDS JEALOUS!
ME? NOOO! I'M JUST WORRIED ABOUT YOUR HEALTH!
THE SEASIDE... THE SUNSHINE... THE SHADES... THE BOYS PLAYING VOLLEYBALL... WHY SHOULD I CARE ABOUT ANY OF THAT?
LOOK AT WHAT YOU'LL HAVE TO LEAVE BEHIND!
OKAY, FORGET I SAID IT!
AH! AH! AH!
YOU GUYS GO AHEAD! I'LL CATCH UP WITH YOU!

HMM... LOOKS LIKE THERE'S SOMEBODY SHE'LL BE MISSING...
WELL, IT'S ALMOST TIME...
YEAH! TOMORROW
YOU'D BETTER WRITE TO ME!
I PROMISE!
AND NOW THIS!
AT NIGHT, THE SKY IS INCREDIBLE OVER THERE! YOU'LL SEE STARS YOU CAN'T SEE HERE IN HEATHERFIELD, AND THE AIR'S ALWAYS CRYSTAL CLEAR!
I WISH YOU WERE COMING, TOO!
WHAT?
I MEAN... THE STARS! IT'D BE NICE IF YOU COULD TEACH ME HOW TO RECOGNIZE THE STARS...

THERE'S THE BELL! IT'S TIME FOR CLASS! WE HAVE TO GO!
DRIIII

HAVE A GOOD TRIP, THEN!

AHA! EVEN KISSES, NOW!
LEAVE HER ALONE!

AND NOW TELL AUNTIE IRMA ALL ABOUT IT!
I'D RATHER CUT OFF MY OWN TONGUE!
THIS IS AN OUTRAGE!

WHO ARE WE ANGRY AT, O'NEILL?
PEOPLE WITH CONNECTIONS! PEOPLE WHO CAN HAVE STRINGS PULLED AND DON'T NEED TO ANSWER TO ANYONE!

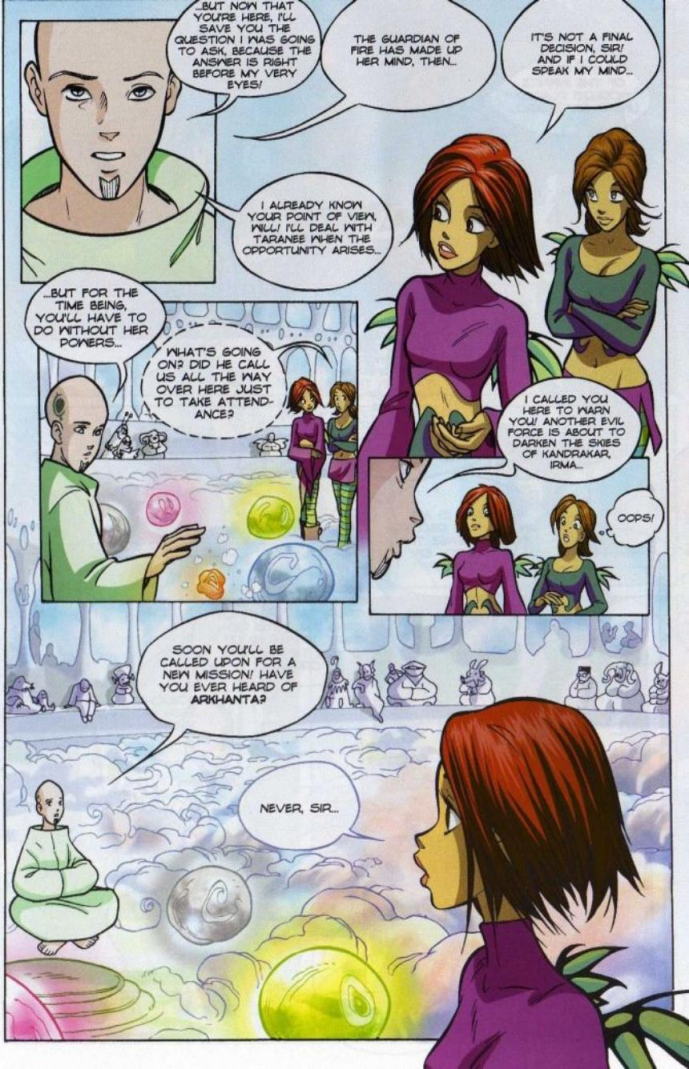
WHAT'S HE TALKING ABOUT?
HAVEN'T YOU HEARD? TURNS OUT, O'NEILL ISN'T GOING TO REDSTONE TOMORROW! THEY'VE GIVEN HIS SPOT TO SYLLA!

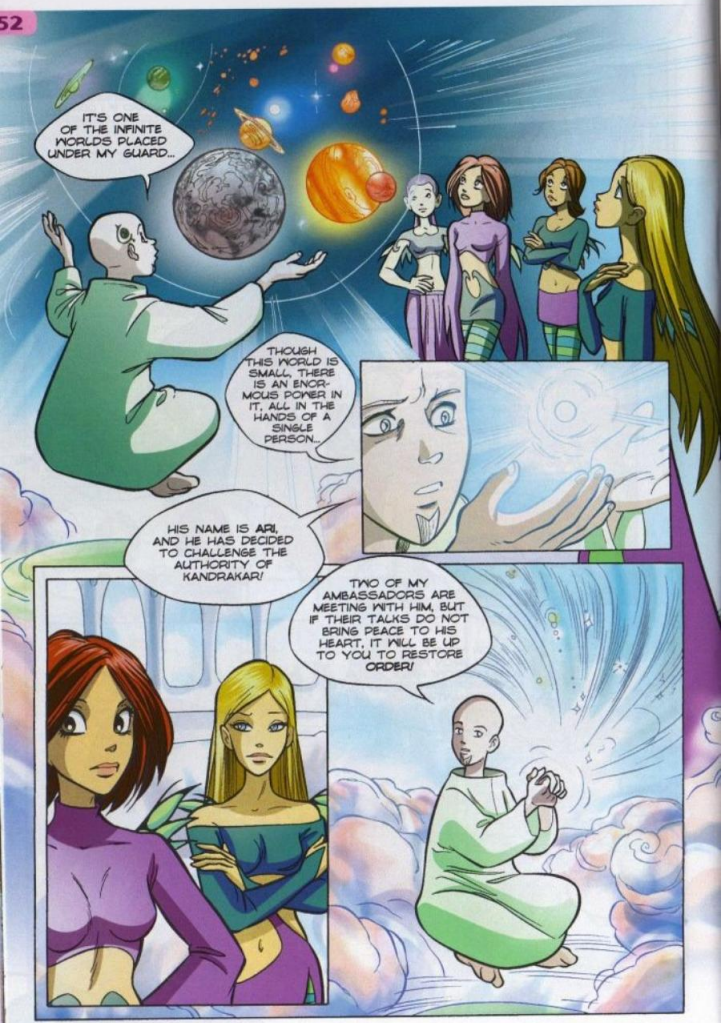
THE COMPUTER SUBSTITUTE! THE MINUTE I SAW HIM I KNEW I COULDN'T TRUST THAT LITTLE PUNK!
HE JUST GOT HERE! HE HAS NO EXPERIENCE, NO SENIORITY, NO QUALIFICATION THAT MAKES HIM PARTICULARLY SUITABLE FOR THE PROGRAM...
THAT'S WHAT I TOLD THE PRINCIPAL! AND YOU KNOW WHAT SHE SAID? THAT SHE THOUGHT THE SAME, EXACT THING!
SO HOW'D IT HAPPEN?
SOMEBODY FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION DECIDED TO CHANGE THE LIST AND REPLACE MY NAME WITH HIS! BUT THIS ISN'T THE END OF IT, I SWEAR!
DON'T TAKE IT SO HARD! MAYBE THE PRINCIPAL WILL GIVE YOU SOME POSITION OF AUTHORITY IN HER ABSENCE... LIKE OVERSEEING SHEFFIELD!
GRRR...
!
SBAM
?
HE GOT OFFENDED! WHAT DID I SAY?
COLLINS... IT SOUNDS LIKE YOU'RE THE LAST TO KNOW EVERYTHING!

AS I'VE BE ANNOUNCING TO ALL OF THE CLASSES, AS OF TOMORROW, OUR DEAR MR. HORSEBEERS WILL BE REPLACING ME...
IT WILL ONLY BE FOR A FEW WEEKS, AND I'M CERTAIN HE'LL DO AN EXCELLENT JOB!
LOOK HOW HAPPY HE IS! HE CAN'T WAIT TO START BARKING OUT ORDERS!
AND NOW I'LL LEAVE YOU TO YOUR LESSON. AND PLEASE BE GOOD WHILE I'M AWAY!
THANK YOU, MS. KNICKERBOCHER!
TODAY WE SHOULD BE REVIEWING... BUT I THINK I'LL GIVE YOU A POP QUIZ INSTEAD! LET'S SEE... WHO SHOULD I CALL TO THE BOARD?
WELL... I COULD START FROM THE TOP OF THE LIST... OR FROM THE BOTTOM... OR EVEN HALFWAY DOWN...
GUARDIANS...
THE ORACLE NEEDS YOU...
IRMA! DID YOU HEAR THAT?

THAT WAS THE ORACLE'S VOICE! I HEARD IT... I HEARD IT INSIDE MY HEAD!
KANDRAKAR IS SENDING US A TELEPATHIC MESSAGE!
WE'VE GOT TO TALK TO THE OTHERS RIGHT AWAY! WHO KNOWS IF THEY HEARD IT, TOO!
LET'S FIND A WAY OUT OF CLASS! IT MIGHT BE SOMETHING SERIOUS!
YOU COMING, TARANEE?
I'M STAYING HERE! AND DON'T ASK ME TO EXPLAIN...
MAY I KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON BACK THERE? LAIR! LIN! YOU'RE ALWAYS WHISPERING...
UM... SIR, IRMA DOESN'T FEEL VERY GOOD, SO...
SHE WANTS TO LEAVE CLASS, RIGHT? FINE! GO WITH HER! BUT BEFORE SHE RETURNS TO HER SEAT, SHE'LL BE STOPPING BY THE BLACKBOARD!
IT... ER... IT MIGHT TAKE A WHILE...
FINE! THEN AFTER MISS LAIR ANSWERS HER QUESTION, IT'LL BE YOUR TURN! NO ONE ESCAPES MY QUIZZES!

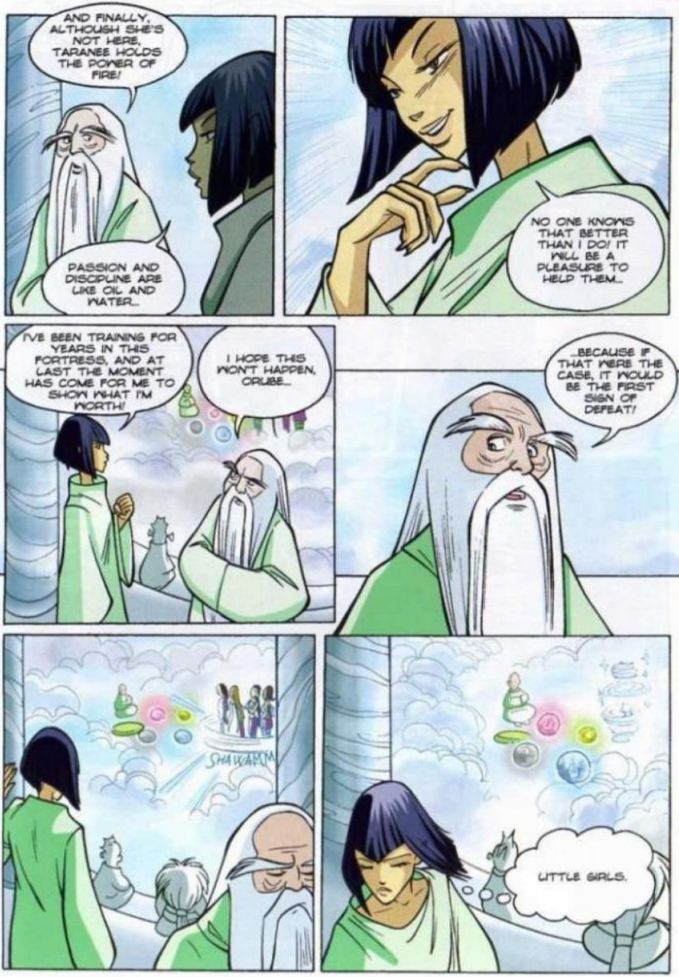
FOR THE ORACLE'S SAKE, I HOPE IT'S IMPORTANT!
LOOK! IT'S WILL AND CORNELIA!
DID YOU GUYS HEAR IT, TOO?
WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR? LET'S FIND A PLACE WHERE NOBODY CAN SEE US AND GO TO KANDRAKAR!
HMM.. ISN'T THERE A MORE ROMANTIC PLACE?
THIS IS NO TIME TO BE PICKY!
BOB + DARCY = LOVE
AND TARANEE? STILL ON STRIKE?
YOU BET SHE IS!
"AND AFTER WHAT HAD HAPPENED YESTERDAY, I DON'T THINK THE ORACLE WILL BE TOO SURPRISED..."
WE'RE HERE, SIR! WHY DID YOU CALL FOR US?
I NEEDED TO SPEAK TO YOU, GUARDIANS...
SWA-VAAAM


...BUT NOW THAT YOU'RE HERE, I'LL SAVE YOU THE QUESTION I WAS GOING TO ASK, BECAUSE THE ANSWER IS RIGHT BEFORE MY VERY EYES!
THE GUARDIAN OF FIRE HAS MADE UP HER MIND, THEN...
IT'S NOT A FINAL DECISION, SIR! AND IF I COULD SPEAK MY MIND...
I ALREADY KNOW YOUR POINT OF VIEW, WILL! I'LL DEAL WITH TARANEE WHEN THE OPPORTUNITY ARISES...
...BUT FOR THE TIME BEING, YOU'LL HAVE TO DO WITHOUT HER POWERS...
WHAT'S GOING ON? DID HE CALL US ALL THE WAY OVER HERE JUST TO TAKE ATTENDANCE?
I CALLED YOU HERE TO WARN YOU! ANOTHER EVIL FORCE IS ABOUT TO DARKEN THE SKIES OF KANDRAKAR, IRMA...
OOPS!
SOON YOU'LL BE CALLED UPON FOR A NEW MISSION! HAVE YOU EVER HEARD OF ARKHANTA?
NEVER, SIR...


IT'S ONE OF THE INFINITE WORLDS PLACED UNDER MY GUARD...
THOUGH THIS WORLD IS SMALL, THERE IS AN ENORMOUS POWER IN IT, ALL IN THE HANDS OF A SINGLE PERSON...
HIS NAME IS ARI, AND HE HAS DECIDED TO CHALLENGE THE AUTHORITY OF KANDRAKAR!
TWO OF MY AMBASSADORS ARE MEETING WITH HIM, BUT IF THEIR TALKS DO NOT BRING PEACE TO HIS HEART, IT WILL BE UP TO YOU TO RESTORE ORDER!

ARE YOU READY TO FULFILL YOUR DUTIES, OR SHOULD I BE EXPECTING SOME OTHER SURPRISE?
WHEN WE GIVE SOMEONE OUR WORD, WE KEEP IT, ORACLE! AND I'M NOT SPEAKING ONLY FOR MYSELF...
...BUT FOR ALL OF US, NO ONE EXCLUDED!
I DIDN'T MEAN TO OFFEND YOU, WILL...
THE ORACLE IS PUTTING HER TO THE TEST...
YOU SHOULDN'T BE HERE, ORUBE!
I FEAR FOR THE FUTURE OF THE CONGREGATION, NOW THAT SOME OF ITS MOST FAITHFUL SERVANTS ARE NO LONGER WITH US...
...AND THE NEW ALLIES LOOK SO FRAGILE!
YOUR TEACHER LUBA SAW HOW WORTHY THE GUARDIANS WERE!
PERHAPS, TIBOR... BUT IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR THEM, LUBA WOULD STILL BE HERE WITH US NOW!

DON'T JUDGE THOSE YOU DO NOT KNOW! LOOK AT THEIR FACES! THEY'RE BRAVE GIRLS...
"THAT'S WILL, THEIR LEADER. SHE IS THE PROUD KEEPER OF THE HEART OF KANDRAKAR!"
"THAT'S HAY LIN, THE YOUNGEST, SUSTAINED BY AIR!"
"IRMA, SWIFT AND MIGHTY LIKE WATER, HER ELEMENT!"
"BOLD CORNELIA! HERS IS THE POWER OF EARTH!"


AND FINALLY, ALTHOUGH SHE'S NOT HERE, TARANEE HOLDS THE POWER OF FIRE!
PASSION AND DISCIPLINE ARE LIKE OIL AND WATER...
NO ONE KNOWS THAT BETTER THAN I DO! IT WILL BE A PLEASURE TO HELP THEM...
I'VE BEEN TRAINING FOR YEARS IN THIS FORTRESS, AND AT LAST THE MOMENT HAS COME FOR ME TO SHOW WHAT I'M WORTH!
I HOPE THIS WON'T HAPPEN, CRUBE...
...BECAUSE IF THAT WERE THE CASE, IT WOULD BE THE FIRST SIGN OF DEFEAT!
SHWAPOW
LITTLE GIRLS.

WELL, IT'S PARTY TIME AGAIN! I'D NEVER HEARD OF ARKHANTA BEFORE, AND I WAS HAPPY THAT WAY!
WE MADE A COMMITMENT, IRMA... BUT YOU MIGHT AS WELL BACK OUT OF IT IF YOU WANT TO! I MEAN...
WHAT IS IT YOU MEAN? THAT ONE MORE OR LESS OF US WON'T MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE? TARANEE HASN'T GIVEN UP, IF THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO SAY!
I DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING! YOU JUST DID IT FOR ME!
LISTEN, THERE'S NO NEED TO ARGUE! I'M SURE TARANEE WILL COME BACK TO US SOONER OR LATER!
AND AS FAR AS ARKHANTA OR WHATEVER IT'S CALLED IS CONCERNED, WHY SHOULD WE WORRY ABOUT IT BEFORE WE NEED TO?
HAY LIN'S RIGHT! LET'S GO! I'LL SEE YOU IN THE COURTYARD AFTER CLASSES!
IT'S HARD TO BEAT ORIENTAL WISDOM!
HAY LIN'S OPTIMISM WON'T SOLVE THE PROBLEM! AND THEN, TOMORROW WE'LL BE FAR AWAY!
DON'T WORRY...
?
...I THINK WE'LL FIND A WAY TO STAY TOGETHER!
WE WON'T BE SEPARATED! BELIEVE ME!

THE LESSONS CONTINUE, AS DO THE QUIZZES AND CLASS WORK...
THE MINUTES DRAG ON, THE CLOCK'S HANDS MOVING SLOWLY TOWARDS THE LAST HOUR...
...BUT FOR THE FIRST TIME IN ITS GLORIOUS CAREER, SHEFFIELD'S PUNCTUAL SCHOOL BELL DOESN'T RING!
JEEZ! LOOKS LIKE THEY DON'T WANT TO LET US GO HOME TODAY!
WHAT'S GOING ON?
THE ANSWER IS BEHIND THIS DOOR.
THIS IS UNHEARD OF! UNACCEPTABLE! UNBELIEVABLE!
PRINCIPAL
WHAT HAPPENED TO THE PLANE TICKETS? THEY WERE IN THIS DRAWER BEFORE LUNCHTIME...
BUT NOW THEY'RE GONE! WITHOUT THOSE TICKETS TOMORROW MORNING, WE'LL BE STRANDED HERE... AND WE CAN SAY GOODBYE TO REDSTONE!
IT SEEMS CLEAR TO ME, MA'AM! SOMEONE STOLE THEM!

THIS IS TOO MUCH! NO ONE IS LEAVING THIS SCHOOL UNTIL I HAVE THOSE TICKETS BACK!
ER... YOU KNOW YOU CAN'T DO THAT, MS. KNICKERBOCHER!
BLAST IT... OF COURSE I KNOW THAT... BUT I HAVE NO CHOICE! THE SCHOOL CAN'T AFFORD TO BUY MORE TICKETS!
THIS IS O'NEILL'S WAY OF GETTING BACK AT THE SCHOOL! IF HE DOESN'T GO, NOBODY GOES!
O'NEILL? DON'T BE RIDICULOUS, MISS WARTON! IT CAN'T HAVE BEEN HIM!
WHO WAS IT, THEN?
!
WE'LL FIND A WAY TO STAY TOGETHER! WE WON'T BE SEPARATED! BELIEVE ME!
MA'AM... I DON'T KNOW IF I SHOULD SAY THIS, BUT... I OVERHEARD SOMETHING... BUT... I WOULDN'T WANT TO BE A TATTLETALE!
WELL, WHISPER IT IN MY EAR SO NO ONE ELSE CAN HEAR!
IT MAY BE NOTHING, BUT...
I'D LIKE TO SPEAK TO WILL VANDOM, PLEASE! RIGHT AWAY!

"...AND IN PRIVATE!"
...THAT'S ALL, MA'AM! HONEST!
SO YOU KNOW NOTHING ABOUT IT!
AND I BELIEVE YOU, WILL! YOU'RE AN HONEST GIRL... BUT I REALLY DON'T KNOW WHAT I'M GOING TO DO!
IF I CAN HELP YOU SOMEHOW...
THAT'S VERY NICE OF YOU, WILL, BUT THERE WON'T BE ANY NEED! GO ON HOME NOW... AND I'M SORRY I CALLED YOU HERE TO MY OFFICE!
LET'S GO HAVE A SANDWICH AND GET BACK TO LOOKING! I WANT TO SEARCH EVERY INCH OF THIS SCHOOL!
POOR MS. KNICKERBOCKER! THIS HAS REALLY GOT HER DOWN!
GET THIS: SHE EVEN APOLOGIZED TO ME!
HOLY COW! THEN SHE REALLY IS UPSET!
I'D LIKE TO KNOW THE IDIOT WHO STOLE THOSE TICKETS!
WELL... MAYBE THERE'S A WAY TO FIND OUT! TELL ME IF ANYONE'S COMING!

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?
JUST SHED SOME LIGHT ON WHAT HAD HAPPENED...
AND I THINK YOU CAN HELP! CAN YOU HEAR ME?
I may be an antique, but that doesn't mean I'm deaf!
I NEED SOME INFORMATION! THIS MORNING, DID YOU SEE ANYBODY RUMMAGING THROUGH THIS DESK? SOMEBODY OTHER THAN THE PRINCIPAL, I MEAN...
You bet! And I would've given him a shock if I'd had the chance!
That little thug! He stole the tickets and was laughing as he did it!
"We'll cash them in and make a bundle!" That's what he said!
DO YOU KNOW WHO IT WAS?
Of course I do! He spends so much time in here that he's become an old acquaintance...
His name is Uriah Dunn!
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HEATHERDOME.
I'VE ALREADY TOLD YOU TWICE, BUT I'LL TELL YOU AGAIN..
..I CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT YOUR TICKETS! I'M SORRY!
FLY HIGH Travel agency
NOTHING AT ALL? THIS IS CRAZY! I PROTEST!
COULDN'T YOU... ER... JUST REFUND US A COUPLE OF THEM?
NOT A SINGLE ONE! WE'RE NOT AUTHORIZED TO MAKE THAT KIND OF TRANSACTION! WHY DON'T YOU TRY AT THE AGENCY THAT SOLD YOU THE TICKETS?
BUT IT'S NOT LIKE WE BOUGHT THEM!
WHY, THANK YOU FOR THE ILLUMINATING COMMENT, KURT! SLIP BACK INTO YOUR COMA. WHY DON'T YOU?
LISTEN, I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU GOT THESE TICKETS... BUT IF I CAN GIVE YOU SOME ADVICE...
..I WOULD'VE ASKED FOR IT!
LET'S GET OUT OF HERE, GUYS! THIS PLACE CAN'T HELP US, EITHER!

GOOD-FOR-NOTHINGS!
SO NOW WHAT DO WE DO WITH THE TICKETS?
HELLO
SHOES
NOTHING MUCH, I GUESS. IF WE WENT TO THE AGENCY WHERE KNICKERBOCHER BOUGHT THEM, WE'D GET CAUGHT AND END UP IN TROUBLE!
YOU'RE ALREADY IN TROUBLE!
WHY DON'T WE DO SOMETHING? WE'VE BEEN FOLLOWING THOSE THREE IDIOTS AROUND ALL AFTERNOON!
YEAH! WE'VE BEEN TO EVERY TRAVEL AGENCY IN THE CITY!
LET'S WAIT A LITTLE LONGER! HONESTLY, I'M NOT IN THE MOOD TO CONFRONT THEM!
THEY MIGHT JUST THROW THE TICKETS AWAY IN A TRASHCAN! THEN ALL WE'D HAVE TO DO IS PICK THEM UP! NO SWEAT!
AND IF THEY DECIDED TO MAKE PAPER AIRPLANES OUT OF THEM, INSTEAD?
WHY WOULD THEY DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT?
I DON'T KNOW, BUT THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT THEY'RE DOING! LOOK!

LET'S SEE WHERE THE PRINCIPAL'S LIFELONG DREAM LANDS! PLACE YOUR BETS!
FLIP
HE! HE! HE! I SAY IT WINDS UP IN THE FOUNTAIN!
I THINK IT'LL HIT THAT FAT LADY'S HAT!
AND I SAY IT LANDS IN A SAFE PLACE...
FWOOO

YOU GIRLS! NICE TO SEE YOU AGAIN. ALL BY YOURSELVES! IF I REMEMBER RIGHT, WE DIDN'T FINISH OUR LITTLE CHAT LAST TIME!
WE'RE NOT HERE TO FIGHT, URIAH!
WE KNOW WHAT YOU DID... BUT WE WON'T SAY ANYTHING TO MS. KNICKERBOCHER IF YOU PUT THOSE TICKETS BACK WHERE YOU FOUND THEM!
SOUNDS LIKE A GREAT OFFER! WHAT DO YOU SAY, GUYS?
UH... SOUNDS GOOD TO ME, TOO!
I WASN'T SERIOUS, YOU BONEHEAD! THE ANSWER, OF COURSE, IS NO!
IF YOU WANT THEM, YOU'LL HAVE TO COME AND GET THEM!
URIAH!
DON'T BE UPSET, WILL! AT LEAST YOU TRIED!
YOU JUST CAN'T REASON WITH DEADBEATS LIKE THEM! WE NEED TO GET ROUGH!
HEY, IRMA! YOU'RE ALMOST SCARING ME!
COME ON! WE CAN'T LET THEM GET AWAY!

THEY GOT PRETTY FAR, BUT THEY'RE STILL CLOSE ENOUGH! WANT TO TAKE CARE OF THIS ONE, CORNELIA?
WITH PLEASURE! BUT I'M NOT GOING TO GET MY HANDS DIRTY...
THE FLOOR WILL TAKE CARE OF SLOWING DOWN THEIR SKATEBOARDS!
KKWIIIIINA
UH?
BLORGLGL
YEOW!
URGH!
AH!
KRUMP
WOW! WE WERE REALLY GOING FAST! THE FLOOR'S MELTED!
MY SKATE-BOARD'S STUCK TO THE GROUND! I CAN'T GET IT OUT!
IT WASN'T US!

WHAT'S THE RUSH?
BZINK
!
KRASH
FUNK
OUFF!
URGH!
HEY! WHAT'S THE BRIGHT IDEA, FOOLING AROUND WITH THAT FIRE HOSE?
IT WASN'T US!
YOU'RE ALL ALONE, URIAH! NOW GIVE IT UP AND HAND OVER THOSE TICKETS!
TICKETS?
I'D RATHER BURN THEM UP!
NO, URIAH! DON'T DO IT!

LISTEN TO HER, URIAH! YOU SHOULDN'T PLAY WITH FIRE!
FWOOSH!
AH!
WHAT THE HECK? WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM ME?
MAKE YOURSELF PRESENTABLE! YOU'VE GOT TO GO SEE SOMEONE...
WE JUST WANT TO KEEP YOU OUT OF TROUBLE, URIAH!
GO SEE WHO?
DLINDLON
Knickerbocher
YES...?
ER... MS. KNICKERBOCHER? I FOUND SOMETHING I THINK YOU WERE LOOKING FOR!

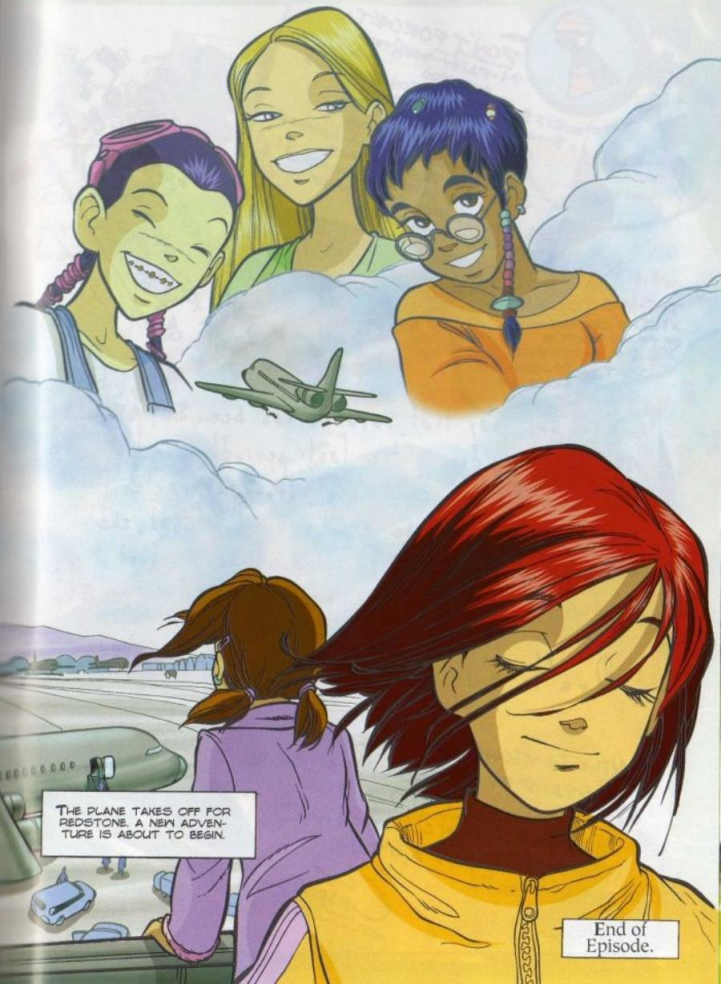
THE NEXT DAY, EVERYTHING IS READY FOR THE BIG DEPARTURE.
CAN I COME IN?
TOK TOK
YEAH, IT'S OKAY...
YOU'RE STILL PACKING? TARANEE, YOU'LL BE LEAVING IN TWO HOURS!
I'M JUST CHECKING TO MAKE SURE I HAVE EVERYTHING!
BUT YOU'LL END UP WRINKLING YOUR CLOTHES! THIS IS THE THIRD TIME YOU'VE REPACKED! THERE ISN'T TIME FOR ME TO IRON THEM, YOU KNOW!
BUT I DIDN'T ASK YOU TO, DID I? HAVEN'T YOU GOT ANYTHING BETTER TO DO?
DON'T SPEAK TO ME WITH THAT TONE, YOUNG LADY!
I'M SORRY, MOM! IT'S JUST THAT ALL OF A SUDDEN, I'M NERVOUS ABOUT GOING! IT'S SO FAR AWAY...
OH, TARANEE! THERE'S NOTHING TO BE AFRAID OF! EVERYTHING WILL BE FINE! YOU'LL SEE!

BUT YESTERDAY YOU WERE THE ONE WHO WAS WORRIED!
AND I STILL AM... BUT NOW I'VE GOT A DAUGHTER TO REASSURE! YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE LOTS OF FUN AND SEE LOTS OF BEAUTIFUL PLACES!
TARANEE... YOU'VE GOT COMPANY!
IS THIS A BAD MOMENT?
NIGEL! SHOULDN'T YOU BE IN SCHOOL?
THAT'S WHAT I WAS JUST THINKING!
WHAT A SURPRISE!
MMM... WHY DON'T WE GO TO THE OTHER ROOM, MOM?
THESE ARE FOR YOU... TO SAY GOODBYE!
THANKS, NIGEL! THEY'RE BEAUTIFUL!
I... I WANTED TO TELL YOU SOMETHING...

"COME BACK SOON!"
Golf Park
Trafalgarcentre
ARE WE ALL HERE? WHO'S MISSING?
MISS HALE ISN'T HERE YET, MS. KNICKERBOCHER!
TRAVEL
HERE I AM!
AND YOUR BAGS?
WE'VE ALREADY CHECKED THEM IN! SO WHAT, ARE YOU MOVING?
HA! HA! HERE'S YOUR TICKET!
WE SHOULD BE GRATEFUL TO URIAH DUNN! IT'S THANKS TO HIM THAT WE'RE ABLE TO LEAVE TODAY! HE FOUND OUR TICKETS BY SOME ODD COINCIDENCE!
ALTHOUGH, TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH, I STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW! IN ANY CASE, WE MUST REMEMBER TO BRING HIM BACK A SOUVENIR! THAT YOUNG MAN ISN'T SO BAD AFTER ALL!
HURRY, PA! I HAVE TO CHECK IN!
HURRY, PA! COME ON, PA! IT'S NOT MY FAULT WE'RE RUNNING LATE!

WELL, STUDY HARD AND BEHAVE YOURSELF!
AND IF YOU NEED ANYTHING, JUST CALL!
DO YOU HAVE ENOUGH MONEY ON YOU?
YEAH, DAD! DON'T WORRY! I'LL BE FINE!
THEN THIS IS IT...
TRY NOT TO GET INTO TROUBLE!
HOW COULD WE? YOU WON'T BE WITH US!
HA! HA! HA!
CORNELIA...
THANKS, LILIAN! THAT'S SWEET OF YOU...
TAKE THIS WITH YOU! YOU'LL NEED SOME MAGIC SINCE YOU'LL BE ALL ALONE AND I WON'T BE THERE TO HELP YOU!

PRACTICE LOTS, OKAY? IT'S NOT EASY TO BECOME A GOOD MITCH, YOU KNOW!
I KNOW, LILIAN! I KNOW!
WELL, GOOD LUCK!
NO LONG FACES! WE'LL BE BACK IN A FEW WEEKS!


THE PLANE TAKES OFF FOR REDSTONE. A NEW ADVENTURE IS ABOUT TO BEGIN.
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